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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

Application No.	10/828,714	Applicant(s) OLIVE ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit 3744	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4,7-12 and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5,6,13 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040421.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pink. Pink discloses a water supply 65 which interfaces with a removable water supply 25 at inlet 32.
3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pink. Pink discloses the claimed invention except for the location of the water supply line 65. The location of the water supply line is considered to be a matter of obvious choice to one of ordinary skill in the art, as no criticality or unexpected results are seen or have been disclosed for the location being at the rear of the cabinet. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the refrigerator art would be able to put the water supply line in the rear of the cabinet without undue experimentation.

5. Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pink in view of Coates et al. Pink discloses the claimed invention except for the ice maker. Coates et al teaches a refrigerator having a dispenser and an

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ice maker and a water supply line that supplies water to both. It would be obvious to provide Pink with an ice maker, in view of Coates et al, for the purpose of providing ice whenever needed or desired.

6. Claims 10 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pink in view of Oh. Pink discloses the claimed invention except for the probe. Oh teaches a water supply tank 50 that includes a probe 54. It would be obvious to provide Pink with a probe, in view of Oh, for the purpose of locating the tank in the refrigerator. The location of the probe on the tank is considered to be a matter of obvious choice to one of ordinary skill in the art, as no criticality or unexpected results are seen or have been disclosed for the location of the probe on the cap of the water supply.

7. Claims 5, 6, 13, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William E. Tapolcai whose telephone number is (571) 272-4814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs., 6:30 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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